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that should be shared with the peer reviewers and we request that Region 2 reconsider its position in this regard.

The CPG is also disappointed in Region 2's decision not to exclude those peer reviewers who have had substantive involvement in the FFS modeling from further participation in the peer review process. As set forth in my letter dated February 8, 2013, the CPG believes these individuals are no longer "independent" and are ineligible to act as peer reviewers under the Handbook. The CPG reserves all rights with respect to this issue.

Please include a copy of this letter in the Administrative Record.

Very truly yours

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